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Attorney General John Ashcroft
United States Department of Justice
Washington, DC

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I believe that, in a capitalist society, it is the role of government to stay out of private industry. I feel that the government's antitrust suit against Microsoft is a direct violation of the ideals that have established this country as the most powerful nation in the world. I am pleased that a settlement has finally been reached, so we can finally put this foolish business behind us.

This suit has done irrefutable damage to the United States economy, and if we continue with this litigation we will only be hurting America more. As we are faced with a possible recession we need to take stock of the damage that this could cause if it is pursued any further. Microsoft is one of the largest employers in America. When times are bad economically you do not attack employers. Microsoft is also the leader of America's fastest growing economic sectors. This suit has caused the IT industry to flounder allowing room for overseas competitors to elbow their way into a field that we should easily be able to dominate.

I thank you for the work that you have done in bringing forth this settlement. I hope that you will have the foresight to protect free trade and capitalism for America's future. Thank you.

Sincerely

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